Sir, they do not want to hold discussion on such sensitive issues. In that too, they raise the question of Hindu and Muslim...*(Interruptions)* Sir, many people are staging Dharna...*(Interruptions)*

Sir, all the hon. Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are staging Dharna outside the House. The innocent persons put in jail after the repeal of TADA, should be released...*(Interruptions)* This Government has made efforts to provide relief to TADA detenees. After the formation of his Government in Uttar Pradesh Shri Mulayam singh Yadav repealed this Act...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : It is not a debate. I am not allowing a debate. It is enough. Enough is enough. Please sit down. You cannot have a debate.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur) : Sir, a very important suggestion has been made by Shri Rajesh Pilot. Let the Home Minister look into this matter and come before the House so that an appropriate decision could be taken.

MR. SPEAKER : I think so.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Sir, that is the best thing to do. No decision can be taken here. Let the Home Ministry look into the matter.

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Minister, do you want to say something?

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, they should be released.

MR. SPEAKER : I know, it is a serious issue but it is not a debate.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : It is not a debate. We cannot hold debate. There will not be any debate in Zero Hour.

KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH : Through you, I would like to say one thing...*(Interruptions)**

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing will go on record except what the Minister says.

*(Interruptions)**

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANT JENA) : Sir, I have taken note of the sentiments expressed by the hon. Members. Let this point be made very clear from the Government's side. The Government is interested to have a review of the whole situation. I will convey the feelings of the hon. Members to the Home Minister and the Prime Minister and the Government will make a detailed statement on this issue itself...*(Interruptions)*

The Government will make a detailed statement on this issue soon...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : I have called Shri Chauhan. This matter is closed now. Nothing will go on record. I have called the next Member. After the assurance from the Government, what else do you want?

[Translation]

SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH (Vidisha) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department of Railway seems to have fallen on bad days. Rail accidents are taking place one after another. Likewise, train decoities take place one after another. Yesterday, when the Hon. Minister of Railway was attending a programme in Bhopal the capital of Madhya Pradesh, Guna-Shivpuri passenger collided with a bus at Guna. The collission was so powerful that the entire bus was smashed and the bodies of the passengers were tom to pieces. Ten passengers died on the spot, another ten succummed to their injuries on their way to hospital and sixty passengers are fighting against the death. The saddening aspect of this accident is that no railway officer reached the site of accident even after two hours of the accident.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : No more; please conclude.

[Translation]

SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Minister of Railway was in Bhopal yesterday. The entire administration of the Railway department was busy in his service. No railway officer reached the accident site even two hours after the accident. I would like to know whether the gate keeper who manned the rail-crossing did not receive the signal of approaching train? I demand that the Government should provide a compensation of Rs. two lakh to each family of the deceased and make proper arrangements for the treatment of injured passengers...*(Interruptions)* the death toll is likely to increase.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : The Minister wants to say something you have made you point.

[Translation]

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI (Kota) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, thirty passengers have been killed...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Please sit down. The Minister wants to reply to it. He has understood your point.

* Not Recorded.

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is a tragic incident. I had gone to Bhopal for the inaugaration of rail reservation and other works. I got the information after coming back from there. Sir, this accident took place between Guna and Tanwata - a desolate place where there is no arrangement of signalling. The gateman closes the gate after seeing the train. But the situation is different there. The gateman was aready present and he closed the door. There is road breaker also and after crossing that breaker, the bus collided. The passengers of the bus were shouting to stop the bus since the train was approaching but the driver continued driving rashly and consequently gateman was killed and the bus collided with the train. What is the fault of train driver in it....*(Interruptions)*

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Mr. Speaker, Sir,...*(Interruptions)*. The people have been massacred...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : You have been provided two-three opportunities. I cannot always provide you opportunity.

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Sir, it is very important...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : It is important.

[English]

You listen to me. If you want some relief, you can raise the matter under some rules. You have raised it three times and the Government has responded to it.

[Translation]

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : The entire family is being destroyed...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : That I know but please listen to me. You have already raised this matter three times but the Government has not replied to it because it is not obligatory for the Government to reply to the matters raised in Zero Hour.

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I have given that direction last time also. Shri Vajpayee, you also spoke on that occassion.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Lucknow) : Sir, you are right that raising of matter once should be enough. It need not be raised again and again but the situation is that all the children of the family disappeared with the truck and there is no trace of them even after 23 days...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Srikant Jena, listen to this, please. Three members of the family of the hon. Member have been missing for the last 21 days. He had raised this matter on the floor of the House. I had said on that day that the Government should kindly look into this. So, please find out the details as to where these people are. Kindly ask the Uttar Pradesh Government to give the report and inform the Member accordingly. Whatever information you get, inform the Member, please.

[Translation]

SHRI SHYAM BIHARI MISHRA (Bilhaur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Harijans were massacred in my Parliamentary Constituency. I have given Notice for that...*(Interruptions)* It is a matter pertaining to the massacre of Harijans but I am not being provided an oportunity to speak while, you allowed 15 members to speak.

12.26 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to Declare Support Price of Potato and take measures for Promoting its Export

[Translation]

SHRI CHANDRABHUSHAN SINGH (Kannauj) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, this year has witnessed the record production of potato. All the cold storages of Uttar Pradesh have been over stuffed...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Please do not deliver speech. Read only what you have given in writing.

SHRI CHANDRABHUSHAN SINGH : As a result thereof the price of potato has sealed down from Rs. 260 to Rs. 140-150 per quintal which has posed a crisis before the potato growers. If the situation is not brought under control, the production of potato will cover down in future...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : In respect of matters under rule 377, you should read what is written there. Do not go outside it. Nothing will go on record. I will not allow you like this.

[Translation]

SHRI CHANDRABHUSHAN SINGH : Therefore, Union Government is requested that it should declare the minimum support price of potato in the larger interest of the potato growers and the purchase of potato by the Government agencies should be started and the immediate export of potato by the Agriculture Produce and Export Development Authority should be undertaken